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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, EG, IS
SUBJ: EGYPTIAN UNSC INITIATIVE RE WEST BANK

REF: (A) CAIRO 5988 (B) SECTO 11297
(C) CAIRO 6028

1. ALLUDING TO YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON, FAHMY ASKED ME TODAY ABOUT OUR LIKELY POSITION ON A WEST BANK INCIDENTS RESOLUTION. IF USG IS NOT SO COMMITTED TO ISRAEL AS A RESULT OF OUR "UNDERSTANDING" WITH THE LATTER THAT WE CAN SOMEHOW ABSTAIN ON A RESOLUTION, HE IS PREPARED TO INTRODUCE A MODERATE ONE AND WORK WITH US TO ENABLE US TO ABSTAIN. IF OUR COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL IS SUCH THAT WE CAN ABSTAIN ON NOTHING, AS HE

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FEARED IS THE CASE, THEN HE INTENDS TO PRESENT

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A STRONG DRAFT.

2. I TOLD HIM YOU HAD JUST RETURNED TO THE US AND HAD NOT
YET HAD TIME TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUE. I HAD NO IDEA HOW WE
WOULD VOTE. IN ANY CASE, I WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY RESOLUTION
HAD BEEN INTRODUCED OR SHOWN TO OUR PEOPLE IN
NEW YORK. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, HE COULD HARDLY EXPECT
AN ANSWER TO A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

3. FAHMY PRESSED HARD FOR SOME KIND OF AN ANSWER, BUT I
AVOIDED GIVING HIM ONE. HE FINALLY TOLD ME THAT HE
EXPECTS TO INSTRUCT ABDEL MAGUID TO CONSULT WITH US
IN NEW YORK ON TUESDAY ABOUT POSSIBLE DRAFT TEXTS. IF WE COULD
GIVE HIM BEFORE THAT TIME AN ANSWER TO HIS BASIC QUESTION
WHETHER THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF OUR ABSTAINING ON ANYTHING,
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM IN DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS
TO EGYPTIAN PERMREP.

4. DEPT. MAY WISH PASS THIS MESSAGE TO USUN FOR INFO.
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